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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Svendsen et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, after the title, insert

*a1* **--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial no. 09/193,068 filed on November 16, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 19-23, 25-26, 28, 30, 32-40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

At lines 2 and 3, delete "as defined in any of claims 1-3".